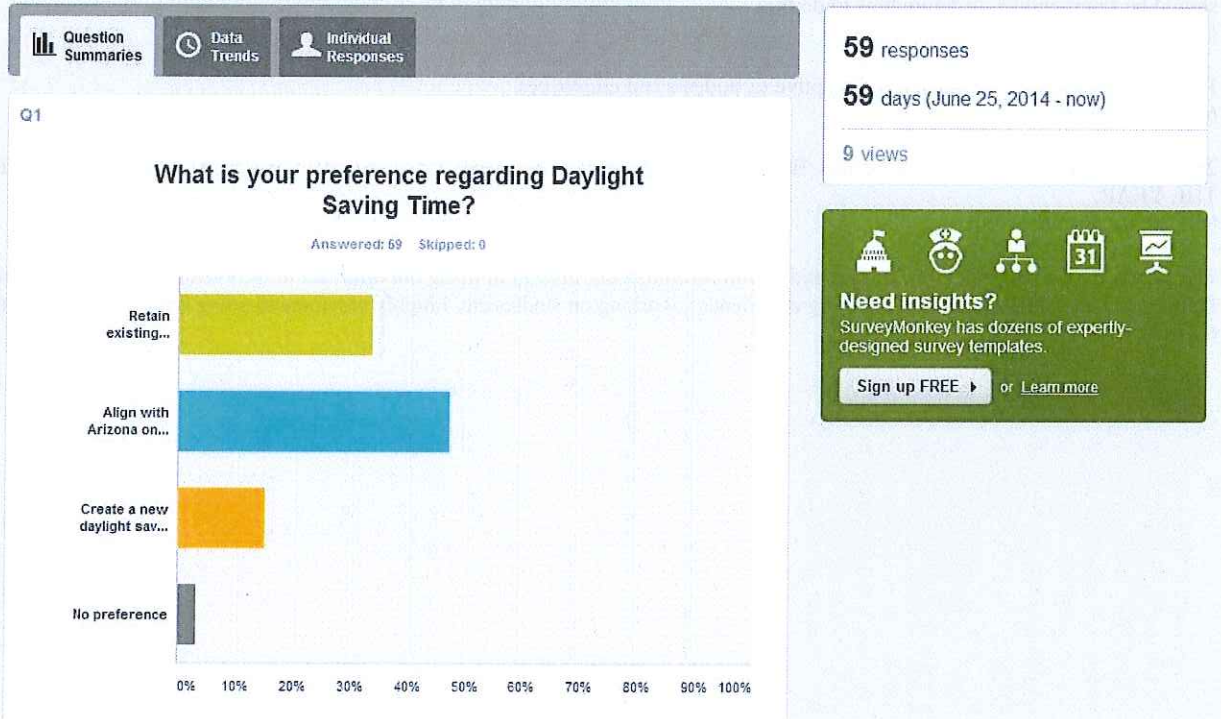


The **State Office of Education** surveyed superintendents in the state on their opinions regarding potential changes to daylight saving time. This is the organizations official response.

## HB0197 Daylight Saving Time Study



Comments collected:

Having more evening light during DST gives youth more opportunities to participate in outdoor activities. Given the concern over youth fitness and overall health (of all Americans), DST is important to keep in place.  
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I'm okay with the current system with refining starting a little later in the spring and ending earlier in the fall  
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From a school perspective early return to daylight savings time allows for spring softball, baseball and soccer games after school time. Spring games are difficult prior to the change to daylight savings time. Staying on daylight savings time in the winter would mean that many students would wait in the morning for the school bus in the dark, snow and cold. The current schedule allows most students to wait for the bus in daylight, even when it is cold snowy. I worry about student safety in a year-round daylight savings schedule. Arizona has longer winter days and less snow/cold, thus we need a different schedule. Thanks for asking!  
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I have given my preference. The second choice would be to align with Arizona. The existing mode of "spring forward" "fall back" puts a significant stress on elementary kids in the spring. There is a marked difference in the students when they are required to get up one hour earlier. It takes about three weeks to adjust and then we are close to the end of the school year.  
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Generally maximizes daylight hours aligned with school hours ... safer for young people.  
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Daylight Saving Time is hard on students, children, and parents. You wouldn't think that an hour would make much of a difference, but it does. It takes days (and sometimes weeks) for kids to adjust.

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It is difficult for students to adjust to!

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I would be OK with either schedule that results in a 12 month consistency. If we feel the need to adjust work and school times we should be smart enough to figure how to do that.

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Just keep it the same...the change is disruptive to students and employees.

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2nd choice--spring forward all 12 months. Bottom line: STAY ON THE SAME TIME (EITHER WAY) ALL 12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

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The standard time was great for families and children's education. Instead of being out until late in the evening it gave a time for families to be together in the home sharing experiences, working on studies etc. I highly recommend going back to standard time.

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